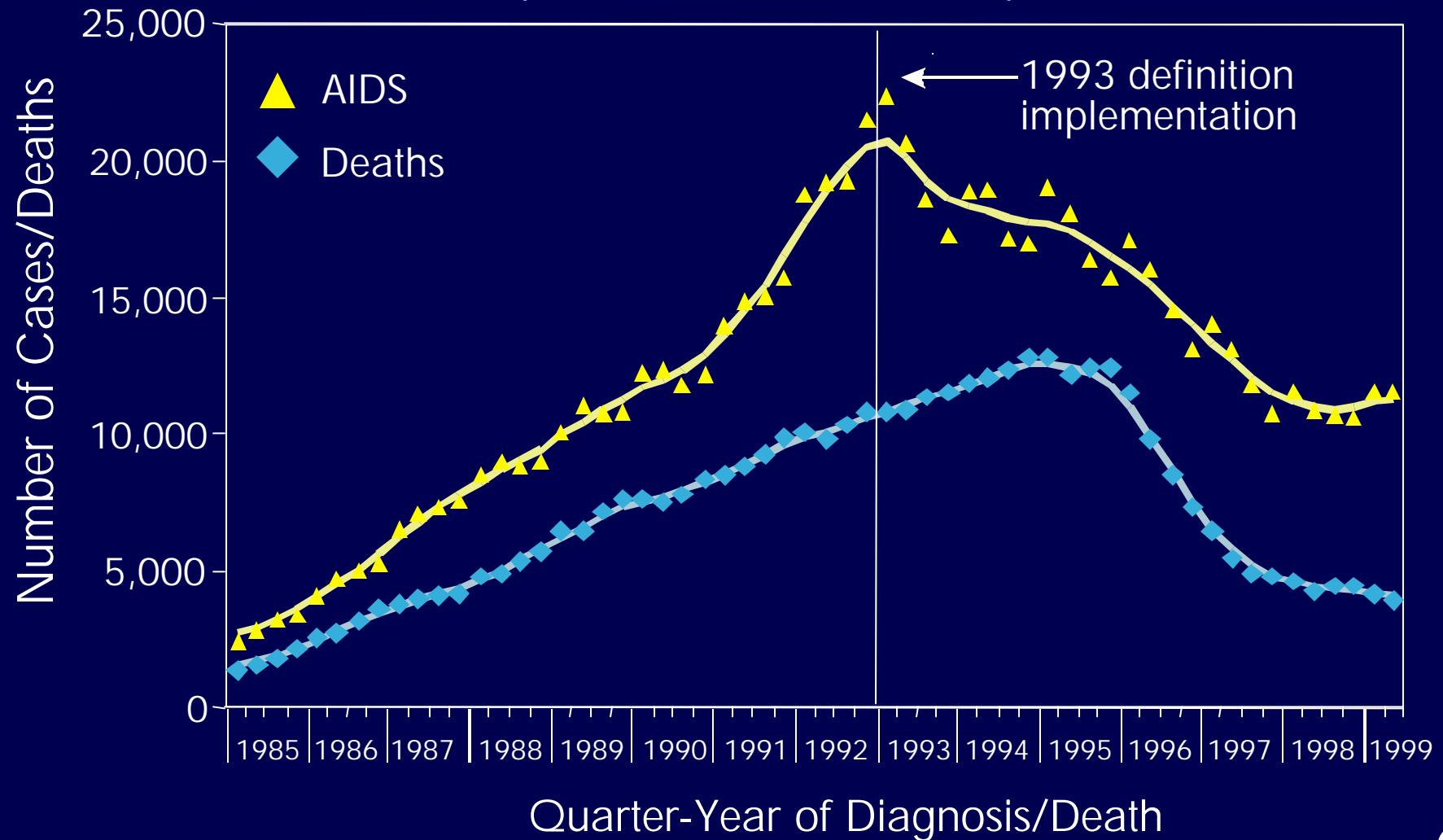


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Trends in the incidence of AIDS must be viewed in light of changes in the history of the epidemic. The expansion of the case definition in 1993 created a large increase in the number of reported cases. Statistical adjustments are required to properly interpret trends in the AIDS incidence data during the 1990s. However, this slide shows all AIDS cases and deaths among persons with AIDS, including persons diagnosed under all case definition criteria. The top line shows the estimated incidence of AIDS from 1985 through June 1999 and the bottom line shows estimates of the number of deaths of persons with AIDS. Recent declines in AIDS incidence and deaths are primarily due to the success of antiretroviral therapies introduced in 1996 that delay disease progression.